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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MOURNING THE LOSS OF DR. HENRY OUTLAW, CHAIR EMERITUS OF THE DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF CHEMISTRY, AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Legislature joins the collective Delta State University community in mourning the loss of Dr. Henry Outlaw, Chair Emeritus of the Department of Physical Sciences and Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, who passed away on February 21, 2015. He was 77 years old; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Outlaw was a 1961 graduate of Delta State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and Biology. He obtained a Master of Science degree and a Doctorate in Pharmacology and Toxicology from the University of Mississippi Medical School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Outlaw was a Professor of Chemistry at Delta State University from 1966-2002 and served as Chair of the Department of Physical Sciences from 1970-2002. After retiring from his position as Chair, he began working as a Program

Associate at the Delta Center for Culture and Learning at Delta State. He also worked as a Development Officer at the Delta State University Alumni-Foundation Office. He was a member of the Delta State University National Alumni Association and a Charter Member of the Dedicated Statesmen Association comprised of retired employees of the university. Among his countless contributions to the university, Outlaw worked tirelessly to recruit students to Delta State; and

WHEREAS, he was a National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Florida Medical School from 1965-1966, and had been a visiting Professor in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of North Carolina Medical School, a Fellow-in-Residence in the School of Theology at the University of the South, and was a Templeton Fellow in Science and Religion at Oxford University; and

WHEREAS, with the aid of grants from the Mississippi Humanities Council, he collected oral histories, artifacts and documents related to the Emmett Till murder and developed a travel exhibit that has won national attention. He also received the Chairs Award for Special Achievements in the Humanities; and

WHEREAS, additionally, he was a member of the Mississippi Academy of Sciences and the American Chemical Society. In 1995, Outlaw was awarded the Outstanding Chemist Award by the Mississippi Section of the American Chemical Society. He received the Delta State University Student Government Association

Outstanding Teacher Award in 1998 and the Dr. Travis Richardson Outstanding Science Teacher Award in 2000; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2014, the National Alumni Association created the Dr. Henry Outlaw Faculty/Staff Service Award as a way to recognize former Delta State faculty or staff members who have had a significant influence in the life of the university. Outlaw was the inaugural recipient; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Outlaw was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Bernice Outlaw; sister, Betty Grace Outlaw; and brother, Bobby Tom Outlaw. He is survived by his devoted wife of 52 years, Brenda Faye Bickerstaff Outlaw; daughter, Melanie Hudson (Chuck); son, Hines Outlaw; and two grandsons, Hank and Patrick Hudson; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Outlaw was a beloved professor and good friend and colleague to all who knew and worked with him. His great and good spirit and remarkable intellect enriched the lives of all his students and colleagues. He was truly one of a kind, and we cherish fondly the memory of this most public-spirited professor and citizen of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby mourn the loss of Dr. Henry Outlaw, Chair Emeritus of the Delta State University Department of Physical Science and Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, and we do hereby express the sympathy of the Legislature to his surviving family on his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to the surviving family of Dr. Outlaw, forwarded to the President of Delta State University and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
March 2, 2015

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 5, 2015

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Philby Gunn", written over a horizontal line.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES